**Grantee: Lake County, IL** 

**Grant:** B-08-UN-17-0004

July 1, 2011 thru September 30, 2011 Performance Report

Grant Number: Obligation Date:

B-08-UN-17-0004

Grantee Name: Award Date:

Lake County, IL

Grant Amount: Contract End Date:

\$4,600,800.00

Grant Status: Review by HUD:

Active Submitted - Await for Review

**QPR Contact:**Jonathan Burch

#### **Disasters:**

#### **Declaration Number**

**NSP** 

#### **Narratives**

#### Areas of Greatest Need:

Areas of Greatest Need

Priority emphasis and consideration will be provided to those geographic areas of Lake County showing the greatest need, including those:

1. With the greatest percentage of home foreclosures: Under the NSP Program, HUD&rsquos Estimated Foreclosure Rate model has identified areas of Lake County having the highest percentage of foreclosures measured by HUD&rsquos estimated number of foreclosure starts over 18 months through June 2008 divided by HUD&rsquos estimated number of mortgages, per HUD&rsquos NSP foreclosure data table for the State of Illinois, as having a foreclosure rate above 5.1%;

- 2. With the highest percentage of homes financed by subprime mortgage related loans: Under the NSP Program, HUD&rsquos model has identified areas of Lake County with the highest percentage of homes financed by a subprime mortgage, as having at least 25% high cost loans as a percent of conventional loans made between 2004 and 2006 from Home Mortgage Disclosure Act data where the rate spread is 3 percentage points above the Treasury security of comparable maturity; and/or
- 3. Identified as likely to face a significant rise in the rate of home foreclosures: Under the NSP Program, HUD&rsquos model has identified areas of Lake County likely to face a significant rise in the rate of home foreclosures, as having a high risk factor for foreclosure or abandonment based on a ranking of 8 or above on a scale of 1 to 10 where 10 indicates that the area is in the highest 10 percent of risk nationwide for foreclosure and abandonment based on the combination of HUD&rsquos foreclosure risk estimate and USPS residential vacancy rate.

The purchase, rehabilitation, and rental/resale of these properties will involve NSP funded activities within these areas of greatest need. However, not all Census Tracts/Block Groups, and not all targeted areas, can be assisted with initial NSP-assisted affordable housing activities. A certain balance will need to exist throughout the NSP program and its affordable housing activities regarding not only the time frame to acquire a foreclosed property, but its record of title, its acquisition price, its proposed rehabilitation costs, secondary financing arrangements of NSP income eligible households, and the length of time that similarly located properties have been on the market. Distribution and Uses of Funds

NSP funded acquisition and rehabilitation of abandoned and foreclosed upon homes and residential properties will occur in one or more of the following ways:

- o NSP Rental Housing Program: Property Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Abandoned and Foreclosed Homes and Residential Properties for Permanent Rental of Single &ndash Family Homes / Multi &ndash Family Homes by Non-Profit Agencies (\$1,150,200).
- o NSP Single Family Housing Program: Property Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Abandoned and Foreclosed Homes and Residential Properties for Single-Family Homes; Financing Mechanisms for Purchase and Redevelopment; First Time Homebuyer Assistance Program / Affordable Plus Mortgage Program; Homebuyer Housing Counseling Program (\$2,990,520).

  o NSP Program Administration (\$460,080).

Low Income Targeting

- 100% of funds will be used to serve households at or below 120% of area median income (for exerson household having income at or below \$90,500).
- 25% of funds must benefit households at or below 50% of area median income (for example a four person household having income at or below \$37,700).

All of Lake County&rsquos NSP funded activities will be developed, to the maximum extent practicabland for the longest feasible term, and in compliance with NSP requirements, to ensure that the sale, rental or redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed upon homes and residential properties shall remain affordable to individuals and families whose income does not exceed 120% of Area Median Income. For example, a four person household receiving NSP assisted benefits would qualify at a household income at or below \$90,500 (&ldquomiddle-income&rdquo). HUD funded programs normally operate at 80% of Area Median Income, based on household size. For example, a four person household normally receiving HUD assisted benefits would qualify at a household income at or below \$60,300 (&ldquomoderate-income&rdquo).

Additionally, as required under the NSP program, not less than 25% of the NSP funds will be used for the purchase and redevelopment of abandoned or foreclosed upon homes or residential properties, that will remain affordable, will be used to house individuals or families whose incomes do not exceed 50% of Area Median Income. For example, a four person household receiving restricted NSP assisted benefits would qualify at a household income at or below \$37,700 (&ldquolow-income&rdquo).

Property Identification: Foreclosed sites

There is no known list of readily available foreclosure filings that identifies needed NSP information such as the property type, the size of the property, its street location, its Census Tract/Block Group, and the character of the house as it relates to local building codes needed under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Each of these items must, therefore, be individually researched over time for each individual property. However, there are many commercial databases that could provide at least the most-basic information on foreclosed properties such as listings by location and property PIN number. Once established, these addresses could then be mapped, perhaps, through the County&rsquos GIS system.

Lake County already funds affordable housing through federal and county funded First Time Homebuyer Programs and various Rehabilitation Programs. As part of this assistance, liens/mortgages/deed restrictions are placed on the assisted property. Unfortunately, some of these federal and county assisted properties may, in fact, be foreclosed upon by the original mortgage holder. Therefore, the possibility exists, that the &Idquonotice of foreclosure&rdquo would identify Lake County as a party to the foreclosure. As such, identification of potential Neighborhood Stabilization Program properties maybe the easiest to identify.

Additional research of the computerized Lake County Clerk of the Court filings is needed to determine a possible workload of other non-federal and non-county assisted properties that have had recent foreclosure filings.

NSP post-foreclosure / REO ownership structures

The NSP program requires the acquisition of abandoned and foreclosed upon homes and residential properties and that these homes and residential properties mustbepurchasedata discount from the current market appraised value. However, because of the circumstances with which a home has now been foreclosed upon there may in fact be numerous different types of post-foreclosure ownership structures that must be dealt with. Any quick NSP funded title transfer is going to want to avoidclouded title issues as much as possible, as this will continually delay timely progress. Accordingly, listed below are only some of the ownership structures that NSP funded governmental and non-profit agencies may have to deal with, in increasing levels of difficulty. Though only a small list, this assists in explaining why there will need to be a certain level of selectivity in choosing NSP properties within the identified areas of greatest need:

- Local Community Banks/Financial Institutions (who often list with local real estate brokers. Since local financial institutions do not want to &ldquoown&rdquo properties for long &ndash this might be the easiest group to work with since it is locally owned and driven);
- National Banks (who often have many other national properties in their REO holdings. As there has been no post-foreclosure title transfer, this could create a secondary market portfolio that must be dealt with);
- Servicing Companies (many financial institutions contract out with other lending companies to package their collective debt instruments with other lending/broker/servicing/investor/sale transactions &ndash for individual or small lots the time and effort may not allow a servicing company to separate its portfolio);
- Trustees/Receiverships (and other types of ownership where the actual title holder is often hidden &ndash which requires intermediaries to handle financial negotiations and title transfers).

Foreclosure identification and rehabilitation activities for North Chicago&rsquos NSP assisted projects will be conducted by the City of North Chicago. Foreclosure identification and rehabilitation activities for Waukegan&rsquos NSP assisted projects will be conducted by the City of Waukegan. Foreclosure identification and rehabilitation activities for Lake County&rsquos NSP assisted projects (the remaining 50 non-CDBG entitlement jurisdictions) will be conducted by the Affordable Housing Corporation.

#### **Distribution and and Uses of Funds:**

The Lake County Consortium submitted a Revised Final NSP Addendum to the 2008 Annual Action Plan that was approved by HUD on January 12, 2009.

The Lake County Consortium signed its NSP Contract with HUD on March 27, 2009.

The Lake County Consortium's Authority to Use Grant Funds is dated May 18, 2009.

The programmatic operation of the Lake County Consortium's NSP activities are more fully described in its approved 60 page NSP Addendum in compliance with all HUD rules, NSP regulations, Citizen Participation requirements, NSP Activity Descriptions and Narrative Statements, Monitoring Standards and Procedures, Certifications, and NSP "Greatest Need" maps and tables (ie: Home Foreclosure Percentages per Municipality, Subprime Home Mortgages per Municipality, and Significant Rise in Home Foreclosures per Municipality). Description of Key NSP Projects

Lake County has a strong background in CDBG and HOME funded affordable housing practices through its strong expertise in federal and county funded first time homebuyer programs and various housing rehabilitation programs, which already incorporate housing counseling activities. Lake County&rsquos existing CDBG and HOME funded Homeowner Rehabilitation Program (for the 50 non-CDBG entitlement jurisdictions) is administered by the Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County (AHC). North Chicago&rsquos existing CDBG and HOME funded Homeowner Rehabilitation Program is administered by the City of North Chicago. Waukegan&rsquos existing CDBG and HOME funded Homeowner Rehabilitation Program is administered by the City of Waukegan.

Lake County previously amended its Consolidated Plan and prior Action Plans to allow for NSP-type housing activities (May 25, 2005 and February 14, 2006 through Community Development Commission approval and County Board approval for the acquisition and rehabilitation of vacant, abandoned, or foreclosed properties, respectively). Lake County already has an established Lending Pool Consortium of area bankers. Accordingly, new additional CDBG funding under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program allows for greater coordination of previously separated housing activities through the development of a quick concise specific NSP program balanced against Lake County housing needs.

Lake County&rsquos existing CDBG and HOME funded Homeowner Rehabilitation Program, Homebuyer Assistance (FTHB/APM) Programs, and a Housing Counseling Program are administered by the Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County (AHC). North Chicago&rsquos existing CDBG and HOME funded Homeowner Rehabilitation Program is administered by the City of North Chicago. Waukegan&rsquos existing CDBG and HOME funded Homeowner Rehabilitation Program is administered by the City of Waukegan. Therefore, as much as possible, Lake County would like to use its existing housing partners to expand its current housing activities under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

The Housing and Economic Recovery Act (July 2008) requires that NSP funds be distributed to the areas of greatest need based on three NSP specific program need categories. In response to HUD's NSP "expedited program implementation" strategy, Lake County has established this NSP Addendum to establish the needs, targethical areas, and limit the eligible uses of NSP funds in response to the NSP statutory program requirements. Accordingly, priority emphasis and consideration will be provided to those geographic areas of Lake County showing the greatest need, including those:

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HUD allows NSP recipients to identify other local identifiers of concern. Lake County will also consider other non-NSP stipulated need categories, such as the number and rank of home foreclosures within Lake County municipalities, as identified by the Woodstock Institute. Lake County will need to provide priority emphasis and consideration to those abandoned and foreclosed properties that are located within these areas of greatest need. At the present time it appears as though the following communities have the highest number of foreclosures: Mundelein, North Chicago, Round Lake Beach, Waukegan, and Zion.

At the present time it appears as though the following communities have the highest foreclosure rate per 1,000 owner-occupied units (exclusive of those communities listed above): Round Lake, Round Lake Park, Round Lake Heights, and Hainesville.

Lake County's Neighborhood Stabilization Program Flow Chart

Basically, our program is &ldquoa residential recycling program for abandoned or foreclosed properties&rdquo:

Step 1: Pending foreclosure site

- · Select &ldquoarea of greatest need&rdquo
- · Property is identified
- NSP process begins
- <60 day old appraisal</li>
- · Initial housing inspection

Step 2: Foreclosure

- Sheriff&rsquos Sale
- · Privately financed mortgagee forecloses for value owed

Step3: NSPAcquisition Stage

- · NSP acquisition occurs atrequired discount
- =>5% individual
- =>15% aggregate
- NSP pays off privately financed mortgagee (1)
- Title changes hands

Step 4: NSP Rehabilitation Stage

- · Secondary housing inspection
- Rehab bid process to select contractor
- NSP pays for required code related repairs
- Third+ housing inspections
- Rehabilitation complete
- Final housing inspection

Step 5: NSP Housing Counseling Stage

- =>8 hours
- =<120% AMI program eligibility
- FTHB assistance provided
- Private mortgage approval of secondary purchaser

Step 6: NSP Sale/Rental Stage

- =<120% AMI household or tenant
- Sale: closing proceeds from secondary private mortgagee pays back NSP funds (2)
- Rental: annual demographic information required
- Recording of NSP mortgage documents will reflect the NSP period of affordability, which will be payable back to Lake County upon sale or transfer of the NSP assisted home.

**Economic Stimulus Notes:** 

- (1) foreclosed private financing replaced with discounted NSP funds (of which the original mortgagee can lend back out)
- (2) discounted NSP funds + rehabilitation costs replaced with secondary private financing that returns NSP funds (of which NSP can lend back out)

Housing Rehabilitation Standards

Per the NSP requirements, any rehabilitation of an abandoned or foreclosed upon home or residential property shall be to the extent necessary to comply with applicable laws, codes, and other requirements relating to housing safety, quality, and habitability, in order to sell, rent or redevelop such homes and properties. Rehabilitation activities, per NSP requirements, may include preservation, improving energy efficiency or conservation, or providing renewable energy sources. Where practical, Lake County will encourage that NSP funded governmental and non-profit agencies strategically incorporate modern green building and energy efficiency improvements that provide for long-term affordability and increased sustainability and attractiveness of housing and neighborhoods.

The 2003 International Residential Building Code and local municipal building codes will apply to Affordable Housing Corporation NSP-funded rehabilitation activities. The 2003 International Residential Building Code, the 2003 International Property Maintenance Code, fire safety, and other local municipal building codes will apply to North Chicago NSP-funded rehabilitation activities. The 1996 Building Officials and Code

Administrators International Inc. (BOCA code), 1992 Council of American Building Officials (CABO code), fire safety, and other local municipal building codes will apply to Waukegan NSP-funded rehabilitation activities.

Definitions and Descriptions:	
Low Income Targeting:	
Acquisition and Relocation:	
Public Comment:	

Overall	<b>This Report Period</b>	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$7,768,652.00
Total CDBG Program Funds Budgeted	N/A	\$4,600,799.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$272,739.51	\$4,193,620.98
Program Funds Obligated	\$0.00	\$4,600,799.00
Program Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$3,609,088.94
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$509,856.00
Program Income Received	\$414,500.77	\$1,443,619.41
Program Income Drawdown	\$82,246.72	\$353,735.80

# **Progress Toward Required Numeric Targets**

Requirement	Required	To Date
Overall Benefit Percentage (Projected)		0.00%
Overall Benefit Percentage (Actual)		0.00%
Minimum Non-Federal Match	\$0.00	\$509,856.00
Limit on Public Services	\$690,120.00	\$0.00
Limit on Admin/Planning	\$460,080.00	\$196,269.15
Limit on State Admin	\$0.00	\$0.00

# **Progress Toward Activity Type Targets**

# **Progress Toward National Objective Targets**

National Objective	Target	Actual
NSP Only - LH - 25% Set-Aside	\$1,150,200.00	\$1,262,200.00

# **Overall Progress Narrative:**

Lake County is pleased with the progress of its NSP program. AHC, Waukegan and North Chicago have successful sold or reached contracts on well over half of the homes for sale as of January 1, 2011. These home sales will allow the program to continue implementation through another round of acquisitions in the coming year. Additionally the LCRDC multifamily project is currently 1/3rd leased with heavy traffic from potential renters requesting unit tours. Lake County believes that the development will reach its anticipated occupancy level within the next year.

# **Project Summary**

Project #, Project Title	This Report Period	To Da	te
	Program Funds Drawdown	Project Funds Budgeted	Program Funds Drawdown
9999, Restricted Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NSP 1, NSP Rental Housing Program	\$196,047.32	\$1,262,200.00	\$1,069,074.34
NSP 2, NSP Single Family Housing Program	\$61,017.00	\$2,878,519.00	\$2,943,463.00
NSP 3, NSP Program Administration	\$15,675.19	\$460,080.00	\$181,083.64

# **Activities**

Grantee Activity Number: NSP 1

Activity Title: NSP Rental Housing Program

**Activitiy Category:** 

Rehabilitation/reconstruction of residential structures

**Project Number:** 

NSP 1

**Projected Start Date:** 

03/01/2009

**Benefit Type:** 

Direct Benefit (Households)

**National Objective:** 

NSP Only - LH - 25% Set-Aside

**Activity Status:** 

Under Way

**Project Title:** 

**NSP Rental Housing Program** 

**Projected End Date:** 

12/31/2012

**Completed Activity Actual End Date:** 

**Responsible Organization:** 

Lake County Residential Development Corporation

Overall	Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2011	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$2,038,585.00
Total CDBG Program Funds Budgeted	N/A	\$1,262,200.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$196,047.32	\$1,069,074.34
Program Funds Obligated	\$0.00	\$1,262,200.00
Program Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$895,873.54
Lake County Residential Development Corporation	\$0.00	\$895,873.54
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$509,856.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$209,131.64

#### **Activity Description:**

LCRDC is acquring and rehabilitating an 18-unit apartment building that will house persons at or below 50% of AMI. This foreclosed property is located in an area of greatest need in Zion.

## **Location Description:**

The NSP Rental Housing Program is County-wide; but must be within the charted Census Tract/Block Group tables and mapped &Idquoareas of greatest need&rdquo of pre-identified municipalities and unincorporated townships (as identified in the NSP Addendum).

Agency Location: Lake County Residential Development Corporation (LCRDC)

>1280 Blackburn, Gurnee, IL 60031

Project Location: 2711 Gabriel, Zion, IL 60099

## **Activity Progress Narrative:**

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The final occupancy permit for the complex was received in early August. Lease up began in August, including the submission of affirmative marketing documents to Lake County. Final punch list items were completed in August and September. An open house and ribbon cutting was held on 9/21/11 to show the completed project to the public. Lease up remains ongoing with 6 of the 18 units leased at this time.

## **Accomplishments Performance Measures**

	This Report Period	<b>Cumulative Actual Total / Expected</b>
	Total	Total
# of Properties	0	14/1

	This Report Period	<b>Cumulative Actual Total / Expected</b>
	Total	Total
# of Housing Units	0	12/18
# of Multifamily Units	0	12/18

# **Beneficiaries Performance Measures**

	inis	This Report Period		Cumulative Actual Total / Expected			
	Low	Mod	Total	Low	Mod	Total Lo	w/Mod%
# of Households	3	0	3	6/0	0/0	6/18	100.00
# Renter Households	3	0	3	6/0	0/0	6/18	100.00

# **Activity Locations**

No Activity Locations found.

# **Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail**

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Match Sources	Amount
\$776,385	\$776,385.00
Subtotal Match Sources	\$776,385.00
Other Funding Sources	Amount
No Other Funding Sources Found	
Total Other Funding Sources	\$776,385.00

Grantee Activity Number: NSP 2A

Activity Title: NSP Single Family Housing Program

**Activitiy Category:** 

Rehabilitation/reconstruction of residential structures

**Project Number:** 

NSP<sub>2</sub>

**Projected Start Date:** 

03/01/2009

**Benefit Type:** 

Direct Benefit (Households)

**National Objective:** 

NSP Only - LMMI

**Activity Status:** 

**Under Way** 

**Project Title:** 

**NSP Single Family Housing Program** 

**Projected End Date:** 

12/31/2012

**Completed Activity Actual End Date:** 

**Responsible Organization:** 

Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County

Overall	Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2011	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$4,126,616.00
Total CDBG Program Funds Budgeted	N/A	\$1,735,148.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$0.00	\$1,735,148.00
Program Funds Obligated	\$0.00	\$1,735,148.00
Program Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$1,735,148.00
Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County	\$0.00	\$1,735,148.00
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$251,648.73	\$1,026,773.94
Program Income Drawdown	\$70,066.72	\$75,898.65

#### **Activity Description:**

Project Type: Property Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Abandoned and Foreclosed Homes and Residential Properties for Single Family Homes; Financing Mechanisms for Purchase and Redevelopment; First Time Homebuyer Assistance Program / Affordable Plus Mortgage Program; Homebuyer Housing Counseling Program.

Consolidated Plan Goal: #1.3, #1.4, #1.5

Activity Summary: The acquisition of vacant, foreclosed, or blighted properties and the rehabilitation/re-sale of existing single family home by NSP eligible homebuyers through one of four NSP functions:

- (1) Acquisition / Rehabilitation: The acquisition of vacant, foreclosed, or blighted properties and the rehabilitation/re-sale of existing single-family homes by NSP eligible homebuyers. Provides up to \$199,368 county-wide average per house for acquisition and substantial rehabilitation (inclusive of all NSP funded activities except for program administration), including the correction of lead-based paint hazards, for 15 income-eligible owner-occupied one to four unit single family properties. Household income and eligibility will be determined prior to the foreclosed property being acquired and prior to the completion of rehabilitation activities; it is intended that household income and eligibility be determined as a component of the Housing Counseling assistance provided through the NSP program.
- (2) Financing Mechanisms: Establishment of financing mechanisms for the secondary acquisition of previously vacant, foreclosed, or blighted properties and the rehabilitation of existing homes by NSP eligible homebuyers. Financing may include such mechanisms as soft-seconds, loan loss reserves, and shared-equity loans for low, moderate, and middle income homebuyers. Assistance may come in the form of low-interest amortized loans or deferred loans, not to exceed 20% loan-to-value or \$20,000 per house to secure the Period of Affordability, depending on the financial situation of the (pending) homeowner.
- (3) Homebuyer Assistance: Provision of direct homeownership assistance to first-time homebuyers up to \$3,000 \$8,000 in HOME funds and \$14,000 in IHDA funds (if the household income is at or below 80%); \$17,000 to \$22,000 in soft second NSP financing (if the household income is at or below 120%); and a \$35,000 fixed rate Private Lending Consortium Loan Pool loans at 4% as purchase assistance that covers the secondary acquisition of previously abandoned and foreclosed homes, post-rehab, to be used for downpayment, closing costs, and/or interest buydowns.

Priority emphasis under the NSP-funded activities will include:

a. Targeting prospective homebuyers receiving public housing assistance or living in public or manufactured housing. Outreach meetings and written materials will be provided to municipalities, real estate agents, social service agencies, and the Lake County/North Chicago/Waukegan Housing Authorities.

b. Pre-purchase homebuyer education and foreclosure prevention education to prospective homebuyers. Federal and State purchase assistance, for NSP income eligible homeowners, will be structured in the form of 0% loans payable by the homeowner upon sale or transfer of the property or upon default.

The Affordable Housing Corporation will receive a project delivery fee of \$2,000 per FTHB / APM assisted household. (4) Housing Counseling: The Lake County Affordable Housing Corporation will carry out a housing education and counseling program in connection with its NSP-funded Housing Rehabilitation programs and the Cities of North Chicago and Waukegan NSP-funded Housing Rehabilitation programs. Housing Counseling services provided by the Affordable Housing Corporation include: Homebuyer Education Programs, Mortgage Delinquency and Default Resolution Counseling, Predatory Lending Education, and Pre-purchase Counseling. Each NSP assisted homebuyer must receive and complete at least 8 hours of housing counseling assistance under the NSP program including financial literacy assistance and individual household case management/follow-up before obtaining a mortgage loan. Public services for housing counseling will be provided only to the extent that counseling beneficiaries are limited to prospective purchasers or tenants of NSP-funded redeveloped properties. While there are other housing counseling agencies in Lake County (including the Lake County Housing Authority, Lake County Community Action, Catholic Charities, and Consumer Credit Counseling Service), the Lake County Affordable Housing Corporation already provides HUD-required HUD-approved housing counseling under the CDBG and HOME Programs. Lake County, and its NSP funded Subrecipients, must ensure that NSP assisted homebuyers obtain a mortgage loan from a lender who agrees to comply with the bank regulators&rsquo guidance for non-traditional mortgages and that documented compliance is maintained for each NSP assisted homebuyer (per the NSP program requirements and the Statement on Subprime Mortgage Lending issued by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Department of Treasury, and National Credit Union Administration, available at www.fdic.gov/regulations/laws/rules/5000-5160.html).

Specific neighborhoods, street addresses, and census tract/block groups will have to be identified prior to initiation of NSP activities and the acquisition/rehabilitation of specific foreclosed properties will be dependent upon many cost and time factors, not to mention the availability of foreclosed affordable properties. It is currently anticipated that the acquisition of an abandoned or foreclosed home or residential property would occur either: 1) in advance by the Affordable Housing Corporation/North Chicago/Waukegan; or 2) during the NSP assisted homebuyer&rsquos Housing Counseling sessions and pre-qualification for mortgage assistance. If a home acquired under the NSP Program can not be quickly re-sold to an income eligible household it will be held for agency rental purposes, leased with an option to buy for a future income eligible household, or temporarily left vacant and sold at a later date to an income eligible household.

## **Location Description:**

Agency Location: 1590 S. Milwaukee Avenue, Suite 312, Libertyville (Affordable Housing Corporation)

Project Location: Scattered sites or site-specific neighborhoods throughout Lake County, within identified areas of greatest

need.

### **Activity Progress Narrative:**

Out of the initial 12 homes purchased in the initial outlay of NSP funds by AHC, 8 homes have sold, including two more this quarter. An additional home is scheduled to close in October. AHC continues to aggressively market the remaining homes by holding open houses, advertizing homes through homebuyer education classes and reducing the sales prices, but struggles with general market conditions: unemployment, an oversaturated market, etc.

With the program income generated through a relatively successful season of sales, AHC began to search for new homes to purchase, targeting funds within Mundelein, including the Mundelein 1 area identified in the NSP3 plan. Searching for homes in this area has been a struggle, with most offers outbid by others. AHC has been more successful searching for homes just outside of this target area, with two homes scheduled to close in the next quarter with renovation to follow.

## **Accomplishments Performance Measures**

# of Properties	This Report Period  Total  2	Cumulative Actual Total / Expected Total 23/12
	This Report Period Total	Cumulative Actual Total / Expected Total
# of Housing Units	2	23/12
# of Singlefamily Units	2	23/12

# **Beneficiaries Performance Measures**

	This Report Period			Cumulative Actual Total / Expecte			
	Low	Mod	Total	Low	Mod	Total Lo	w/Mod%
# of Households	0	1	2	1/0	6/0	8/12	87.50
# Owner Households	0	1	2	1/0	6/0	8/12	87.50
<b>Activity Locations</b>							
Address			City		State	Zip	
2397 Ojibwa Trail			Round Lake Heights		NA	6007	73
282 Plymouth Court			Round Lake E	Beach	NA	6007	73
Other Funding Source	s Budgeted	- Detail					
Match Sources						Aı	mount
\$2,391,468						\$2,391,4	468.00
Subtotal Match Sources						\$2,391,4	468.00
Other Funding Sources						Aı	mount
No Other Funding Sources Found							
Total Other Funding Sources						\$2,391,4	468.00

Grantee Activity Number: NSP 2B

Activity Title: NSP Single Family Housing Program

**Activitiy Category:** 

Rehabilitation/reconstruction of residential structures

**Project Number:** 

NSP<sub>2</sub>

**Projected Start Date:** 

03/01/2009

**Benefit Type:** 

Direct Benefit (Households)

**National Objective:** 

NSP Only - LMMI

**Activity Status:** 

**Under Way** 

**Project Title:** 

NSP Single Family Housing Program

**Projected End Date:** 

12/31/2012

**Completed Activity Actual End Date:** 

**Responsible Organization:** 

City of North Chicago

Overall	Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2011	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$219,803.00
Total CDBG Program Funds Budgeted	N/A	\$219,803.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$0.00	\$219,803.00
Program Funds Obligated	\$0.00	\$219,803.00
Program Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$219,803.00
City of North Chicago	\$0.00	\$219,803.00
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$52,852.04	\$52,852.04
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00

#### **Activity Description:**

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## **Location Description:**

Agency Location: 1850 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago (North Chicago).

Project Location: Scattered sites or site-specific neighborhoods throughout the City of North Chicago, within identified areas of

greatest need.

## **Activity Progress Narrative:**

During the quarter the City of North Chicago successful marketed two of its three properties for sale. One home was sold to a low income homebuyer while the second will be sold in October 2011. The combined expected program income will allow North Chicago to undertake an additional acquisition to further the program. It is anticipated that this will occur within North Chicago 1. Discussions with the City of North Chicago indicate that both homes were sold without the aid of a realtor. The City&rsquos marketing efforts focused on using local marketing (including the community news letter) to sell the homes. North Chicago has had sustained interest in the remaining property but mortgage-ability issues have stalled any sales.

## **Accomplishments Performance Measures**

	This Report Period	<b>Cumulative Actual Total / Expected</b>
	Total	Total
# of Properties	1	8/3
	This Report Period	Cumulative Actual Total / Expected
	Total	Total
# of Housing Units	1	8/3
# of Singlefamily Units	1	8/3

### **Beneficiaries Performance Measures**

This Report Period		Cumulative	Cumulative Actual Total / Expected			
Low	Mod	Total	Low	Mod	Total Low/Mod%	

# of Households	1	0	1	1/0	0/0	1/3	100.00
# Owner Households	1	0	1	1/0	0/0	1/3	100.00

# **Activity Locations**

AddressCityStateZip1932 Seymour AveNorth ChicagoNA60064

# **Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail**

# **No Other Match Funding Sources Found**

Other Funding Sources Amount

No Other Funding Sources Found

Total Other Funding Sources

Grantee Activity Number: NSP 2C

Activity Title: NSP Single Family Housing Program

**Activitiy Category:** 

Rehabilitation/reconstruction of residential structures

**Project Number:** 

NSP<sub>2</sub>

**Projected Start Date:** 

03/01/2009

**Benefit Type:** 

Direct Benefit (Households)

**National Objective:** 

NSP Only - LMMI

**Activity Status:** 

Under Way

**Project Title:** 

NSP Single Family Housing Program

**Projected End Date:** 

12/31/2012

**Completed Activity Actual End Date:** 

**Responsible Organization:** 

City of Waukegan

Overall	Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2011	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$923,568.00
Total CDBG Program Funds Budgeted	N/A	\$923,568.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$61,017.00	\$988,512.00
Program Funds Obligated	\$0.00	\$923,568.00
Program Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$705,629.00
City of Waukegan	\$0.00	\$705,629.00
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$110,000.00	\$363,993.43
Program Income Drawdown	\$6,000.00	\$53,520.00

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## **Location Description:**

Agency Location: 100 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Waukegan (Waukegan).

Project Location: Scattered sites or site-specific neighborhoods throughout the City of Waukegan, within identified areas of

greatest need.

### **Activity Progress Narrative:**

The rehabilitation of the final property acquired through the first round of NSP expenditures was completed this quarter (1706 Lydia). Additionally one property (1419 Western) was sold and two properties came under contract during the quarter. If all sales are completed out of the original 8 sites, three will remain for sale. Due to the slow sales and recent differences between list price and comparable sales seen in other similar markets, Lake County will work with Waukegan to reduce sales prices on the remaining homes to ensure sales are completed in a timely fashion. Based on experience with other partners, local relationships and aggressive pricing has lead to the greatest number of sales. With the available program income, Waukegan anticipates acquiring additional properties within the Waukegan 1 area in the coming quarters.

#### **Accomplishments Performance Measures**

	This Report Period	Cumulative Actual Total / Expected
	Total	Total
# of Properties	1	16/8
	This Report Period	<b>Cumulative Actual Total / Expected</b>
	This Report Period Total	Cumulative Actual Total / Expected Total
# of Housing Units	· ·	·
# of Housing Units	· ·	Total
# of Housing Units # of Singlefamily Units	· ·	Total

# **Beneficiaries Performance Measures**

	This Report Period			Cumulative Actual Total / Expected					
	Low	Mod	Total	Low	Mod	Total Lo	w/Mod%		
# of Households	1	0	1	2/0	0/0	3/8	66.67		
# Owner Households	1	0	1	2/0	0/0	3/8	66 67		

# **Activity Locations**

Address	City	State	Zip
1419 Western Avenue	Waukegan	NA	60085

# Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail

# **No Other Match Funding Sources Found**

Other Funding Sources Amount

No Other Funding Sources Found Total Other Funding Sources

Grantee Activity Number: NSP 3A

Activity Title: NSP Program Administration

Activity Category: Activity Status:

Administration Under Way

Project Number: Project Title:

NSP 3 NSP Program Administration

Projected Start Date: Projected End Date:

10/01/2008 12/31/2012

Benefit Type: Completed Activity Actual End Date:

National Objective: Responsible Organization:

N/A Lake County CD Division

Overall	Jul 1 thru Sep 30, 2011	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$460,080.00
Total CDBG Program Funds Budgeted	N/A	\$460,080.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$15,675.19	\$181,083.64
Program Funds Obligated	\$0.00	\$460,080.00
Program Funds Expended	\$0.00	\$52,635.40
Lake County CD Division	\$0.00	\$52,635.40
Match Contributed	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Drawdown	\$6,180.00	\$15,185.51

#### **Activity Description:**

N/A

Consolidated Plan Goal: #3.5

Activity Summary: These funds will be used primarily for:

(1) the general management, oversight, and coordination of the Community Development Block Grant funded Neighborhood Stabilization Program, the development and certification of the NSP Addendum to the 2008 Annual Action Plan, the development of various performance report documents, and the development of continued application procedures in addition to general NSP project and program management activities. In addition, some of these funds may be used for special planning studies (if needed or requested). These funds will also be used to provide technical assistance for prospective CDBG funded NSP eligible local governments and/or non-profit agencies, NSP related training/workshops, and review of NSP funded project performance.

Included as project administration activities is the County-wide standardization of NSP-related costs for:

- o contracted title services to identify/confirm post-foreclosure ownership (1 per house estimated at \$100 each);
- o appraisal services for post-foreclosure Fair Market Value determinations and post-rehabilitation housing purchase valuations (2 per house estimated at \$300 each);
- o legal representation to ensure NSP-required program and legal compliance during the acquisition of foreclosed properties for upfront legal costs (estimated at \$1000 per house) and at each post-rehabilitation closing (1 per house estimated at \$350 each):
- o contracted title services to identify/confirm post-closing NSP-required low and moderate income ownership, including NSP household eligibility and NSP period of affordability restrictions (1 per house estimated at \$100 each); and
- o these funds will also be used to distribute and provide program advocacy regarding the 2010 &ndash 2014 Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan and its respective program needs statements, goals, and strategies as they relate to the NSP program.

#### **Location Description:**

Lake County Department of Planning, Building, and Development CDBG-NSP Program Administration (18 North County Street, Waukegan).

### **Activity Progress Narrative:**

During this quarter Lake County received a monitoring of its NSP1 program by HUD staff. Lake County was pleased with the success of the monitoring and will use the feedback to make additional improvements in the program for both rounds of funding. Lake County continues to monitor its grantees performance as needed, particularly through the sale of homes where the County conducts an audit of each prior to accepting program income from the partner organization. During the quarter, most administrative tasks focused on the finalization of a system for processing program income. Additionally, staff began to work with AHC to identify homes for purchase with program income generated thus far within Mundelein 1. Due to the Unfortunately AHC was outbid on all attempted purchases within this area due to the presence of investors outbidding AHC for properties. Due to the level of program income already generated and anticipated, Lake County may seek approval to implement NSP activities within multiple NSP3 target areas to ensure that the money is reused quickly. Lake County continues to review the process of the LCRDC multifamily development to ensure that the anticipated occupancy level is reached as soon as possible.

## **Accomplishments Performance Measures**

No Accomplishments Performance Measures found.

### **Beneficiaries Performance Measures**

No Beneficiaries Performance Measures found.

# **Activity Locations**

No Activity Locations found.

## **Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail**

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Other Funding Sources Amount

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